

## REPORT

OF

DR. RALLIER DU BATY, RELATIVE TO THE CANADIAN HOSPITAL AT  
DINARD.OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA,  
19 VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON, S. W., January 24, 1916.

DEAR SIR ROBERT BORDEN,—When I was recently in France I had a talk with Mr. Roy, the Canadian Commissioner in Paris, relative to the Canadian Hospital at Dinard, and found that he had received an interesting report from Dr. Rallier du Baty, the Chief Surgeon at that hospital.

It occurred to me that it might be well to give the report to the Canadian press for publication, and I accordingly arranged that Mr. Roy should send me a copy and a translation. These I forward to you, herewith, and shall be glad, if you concur, if you will have the matter given to the Canadian press.

Yours very truly,

GEORGE H. PERLEY.

The Right Honourable

Sir ROBERT L. BORDEN, G.C.M.G.,  
Ottawa, Canada.

(Translation.)

DINARD, January 3, 1916.

10TH MILITARY DISTRICT COMPLEMENTAL HOSPITAL No. 54.

(MEDECIN AIDE-MAJOR RALLIER DU BATY).

*Chief Surgeon of Complementary Hospital No. 54.**To the General Commissioner for Canada, Paris.*

SIR,—At the beginning of the New Year, I consider it my duty, which moreover is a very agreeable one to fulfil, to forward you, in my name and that of my fellow workers, my respectful regards and my very cordial wishes of happiness.

I also desire to request you to express to the Canadian Government the sentiments of gratitude which its generosity inspires to the wounded who are received and treated at the Canadian Hospital at Dinard.

It has been my desire, before the close of the year 1915, to look back upon the operation of this sanitary unit since the visit which you have done us the honour to pay us in February last. I am happy to lay before you the acquired results.

No important material modification has occurred in the organization of the various wards; the only object of which we never lose sight is to act in such a way



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that the wounded who are entrusted to our care should receive here the most devoted and enlightened treatment, both from a moral and physical standpoint. In short, we want all to recover quickly and carry away the best remembrance of their stay.

Since the foundation of the Canadian Hospital at Dinard, nearly 1,200 wounded have been treated, and it is a great pleasure for me to note, to the credit of the entire staff, that the number of deaths is insignificant, as with the decease of the late lamented Doctor Cholet we reach the number of thirteen, which brings the percentage of deaths to slightly over 1 per cent.

Five hundred serious operations have been performed and successfully terminated by Professor Pierre Duval. More than 250 cases of hernia have been operated with full success; 200 abdominal operations have been performed; 50 cases of trepanning, all very delicate, have given the best results. Lastly, thanks to more and more stringent hygienic measures we have escaped from any contagious diseases.

You know the Crystal hotel, its favourable location on the beach at Dinard, the cleanliness and comfort of the building, the happy distribution of the wards, the excellence of the furnishings. Our dear wounded greatly appreciate all these advantages, and keep the best souvenir of their stay at the Canadian Hospital. Their satisfaction, which they frequently express to me, is a living testimony of the gratitude which they entertain for the Canadian Government and its generous initiative.

Yours, etc.,

RALLIER DU BATY,  
*Chief Surgeon of Complementary Hospital  
No. 54, Dinard.*